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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee
FROM : Executive Secretary, EDIC
SUBJECT : Transmittal of "Alphabetical Index to Strategic Commodities"

1. The attached index, prepared in CIA, is based upon the several U.S. and international security export control lists in use as of 30 November 1954. Items from the Munitions and AEC lists are so indicated. The United States Master Export Security List (U.S. MESL) of 16 August 1954 (and its amendments) should be consulted for a complete definition of each item and for listing revisions.

2. Each item entry in the Index includes the reference number used in the source list to facilitate cross-reference between the Index and the several basic lists. The first of the four digit numbers is the key to whether the item is embargoed or quantitatively controlled to the Soviet bloc. For example, "Alkylates (aviation grade)... 1789" is embargoed; "Air hammers... 2070" is controlled quantitatively under quota arrangements.

3. This index, originally prepared for internal use by Strategic Trade Branch, Economic Defense Division, ORR has no official interagency status. It has proved particularly valuable, however, for enforcement purposes and is distributed for use of EDIC members.

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Attachment
Alphabetical Index to Strategic Commodities

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